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OPR/ST PASS US DESPATCH AGENTS NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE

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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF USG AND PERSONAL SHIPMENTS
FROM BEIRA TO LUSAKA AND LILONGWE

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1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH ARTURO MOREIRA OF JW BARNETT DURING VISIT TO BEIRA ABOUT PROBLEMS OF ONWARD SHIPMENT OF USG MATERIAL AND PERSONAL EFFECTS TO LILONGWE AND LUSAKA. MOREIRA SUPPLIED FOLLOWING:

- (A) HERMESMAN'S AUTO SHIPPED DECEMBER 4 ON RAIL CAR 7K382454.
 - (B) HERMESMAN'S HHE: THREE OF FOUR CASES SHIPPED 29 NOVEMBER ON RAIL TRUCK 3313066. ONE CASE SHORT LANDED. HHE WERE TRANSHIPPED FROM DURBAN ON COASTER TERPANDROS. AGENT CURRENTLY TRYING LOCATE SHORT LANDED CASE.
 - (C) BARCUS'S HHE SHIPPED SAME DAY AND SAME RAIL CAR AS HERMESMANS.
 - (D) B/L # 6 FROM NEW YORK MORMACGLEN, I CASE ORGAN AND B/L #5, USIS MATERIAL WERE TO BE LOADED DECEMBER 6 ABOARD RAIL CAR 860257.
 - (E) PRINTED MATTER FROM BEIRUT DESCRIBED PARA 10 REFTEL SHIPPED AS FOLLOWS: 3 PKGS CLEARED BY MANICA OF MOZAMBIQUE SHIPPED 17 APRIL 76 ON RAIL CAR TK6254; 4 BOXES
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CLEARED BY ALLEN, WACK, AND SHEPHARD SHIPPED NOVEMBER 25, 1975 ON RAIL CAR TK 6280 AND SENT TO RENNIES, BLANTYRE.
(F) THREE SKIDS MAGAZINES SHIPPED FROM ANTWERP ON KIRVOSK HAVE BEEN CLEARED AND WILL BE SHIPPED ASAP.

2. MOREIRA ALSO SUPPLIED INFO ON EXPECTED SHIPMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) B/L #13 DATED NEW YORK 5 NOV. 7#, 1 CASE MATCHES AND B/L #4 DATED NEW YORK 4 NOV 76 USIS BOOKS, BOTH ON AFRICAN DAWN WERE TRANSHIPPED ABOARD AFRICAN COMET FROM DURBAN TO BEIRA AND EXPECTED DECEMBER 31 IN BEIRA.

(B) B/L #4 DATED NEW YORK OCTOBER 7, 1976, 1 CS PATIO FURNITURE; B/L #1 DATED NEW YORK 6 OCT. 76, 1 CS PHOTO DEVELOPING SUPPLIES; B/L #5 DATED NEW YORK 12 OCT. 7#, 1 VAN SC NEW WOOD FURNITURE; ALL TO BE SHIPPED ON AFRICAN SUN WERE TRANSHIPPED AT DURBAN ON THE COASTER TERPANDROS EXPECTED IN BEIRA 12 DECEMBER.

(C) ONE CASE PAPERBOARD SHEETS, DA REF. 91 15762, TO BE SHIPPED MORMACVEGA NOVEMBER 12 WILL ALSO BE TRANSHIPPED AT DURBAN.

3. EMBOFF REVIEWED PROBLEMS OF RECEIVING SUPPLIES AT BEIRA AND ONWARD SHIPMENT THROUGH MALAWI. MOREIRA SAID ALONG DELAYS EARLIER THIS YEAR WERE CAUSED BY CLOSURE OF RHODESIAN BORDER AND CONSEQUENT REORGANIZATION OF MOZAMBIQUE RAILWAYS. THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, AND SHIPMENTS FROM BEIRA TO MALAWI ARE NOW AVERAGING 7 TO 10 DAYS. NOWEVER, ALL SHIPPING LINES, INCLUDING AMERICAN CARRIERS, ARE FINDING THAT TRAFFIC TO AND FROM BEIRA IS INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY CALLS, THEREFORE TRANSHIPMENT AT DURBAN VIA COASTAL FRIEGHTERS WILL PROBABLY BE THE RULE. TRANSHIPMENT IN THIS MANNER ALSO CAUSES DELAYS, AS COASTAL FRIEGHTERS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED IN NUMBER AND VOYAGES ARE INFREQUENT. COMMUNICATION DELAYS BETWEEN BEIRA AND DURBAN ARE SUCH THAT MATERIAL MAY ARRIVE BEFORE THE AGENCY RECEIVES WORD THAT A CONSIGNMENT HAS BEEN TRANSHIPPED. MOREIRA ASSURED EMBOFF THAT HIS FIRM DOES

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EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE EMBASSY CARGO AT BEIRA. ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES GOES THROUGH VARIOUS WAREHOUSES IN THE PORT TO LOCATE MATERIAL DESTINED FOR EMBASSY LUSAKA, IN ORDER TO FILL A RAIL CAR AND OBTAIN FASTER SHIPMENT TO MALAWI. FIRM APPEARS TO HAVE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH SHIPS AGENTS, AND RECEIVES GOOD COOPERATION FROM THEM IN LOCATING CARGOES AND ARRANGING ONWARD SHIPMENTS. MOREIRA ALSO REPORTED COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS WITH MALAWI, STATING THAT PHONE CONNECTIONS WITH MALAWI HAVE BEEN OUT FOR MORE THAN SIX WEEKS. ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH MALAWI AGENTS MUST BE RELAYED THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA.

4. MOREIRA ALSO RAISED SOME MATTER FOR WHICH HE NEEDS ANSWERS:

(A) JW BARNETT NOTIFIED EMBASSY LUSAKA, AND US DEPATCH AGENCIES IN BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AGO THAT WITH A BILL OF LADING, BARNETT MUST HAVE A STATEMENT OF THE VALUE OF THE CONSIGNMENT CIF BEIRA. THIS STATEMENT IS REQUIRED BY GPRM FOR COMPUTATION OF TRANSIT

TAX. TO DATE NO B/L'S HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITH STATEMENTS OF VALUE. GPRM HAS NOTIFIED ALL BEIRA SHIPPING AGENCIES THAT LLOWED PRACTICE OF TRANSHIPPING CONSIGNMENTS WITHOUT THESE STATEMENTS MUST STOP. ACTION REQUESTD: EMBASSY LUSAKA REQUESTED TO NOTIFY US DESPATCH AGENTS OF REQUIREMENT, AND TO SUPPLY BARNETT WITH SAME. OTHERWISE, DELAYS OF FUTURE SHIPMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED.

(B) BARNETT FIRM ASSUMES THAT CONSIGNMENTS, BOTH USG AND PERSONAL, ARE SHIPPED INSURED. IN CASE SHIPMENTS ARE RECEIVED DAMAGED, AGENCY HAS BEEN REQUESTING LLOYD'S TO MAKE SURVEY REPORT AND AGENCY HAS SENT COPY TO EMBASSY LUSAKA. MOREIRA WISHES KNOW IF LLOYD'S STATEMENT IS ACCEPTED BY USG, AND IF EMBASSY LUSAKA IS SATISFIED WITH THIS PROCEDURE.

(C) AGENCY IS REQUIRED TO PREPAY SHIPMENT COSTS TO MALAWI AND LUSAKA. THEREFORE, IF EMBASSY CAN EXPEDITE PAYMENT OF SHIPMENT FEES, BARNETT FIRM WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL.

(D) PRESENTLY, BARNETT IS FORWARDING PAPERS FOR LUSAKA UNCLASSIFIED

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SHIPMENTS TO MANICA-MANN-GEORGE-MALAWI, LIMITED AND TO TREK EXPRESS SERVICES, BOTH IN BLANTYRE. MOREIRA WISHES KNOW IF MANICA NEED BE INVOLVED OR IF TREK EXPRESS CAN HANDLE SHIPMENTS. BARNETT WOULD PREFER TO DEAL WITH TREK EXPRESS.

5. MOREIRA STATED THAT COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS WITH EMBASSY LUSAKA MAY BE ALLEVIATED IF EMBASSY LUSAKA WOULD NOTIFY EMBASSY MAPUTO OF EXPECTED SHIPMENTS AND INCLUDE B/L NUMBER, DATE, DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNED MATERIAL, AND SHIP NAME. EMBASSY MAPUTO CAN THEN CONTACT MAPUTO OFFICE OF BARNETT AND OBTAIN STATUS REPORT FOR RELAY TO LUSAKA. PHONE CONNECTIONS WITH LUSAK ARE NORMALLY OF SUCH POOR QUALITY THAT MOREIRA CANNOT HEAR ANY OF CONVERSATION.
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